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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.) : Examiner: J. Fredman
Application No.: 09/942,596) : Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: August 31, 2001) :
For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING)
BASE SEQUENCE OF) :
NUCLEIC ACID) : January 10, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated July 8, 2004 for three (3) months from October 8, 2004 to January 8, 2005 (Saturday). A check in the amount of \$1020.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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January 10, 2005
Date of Signature

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2004, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks prior to the continued examination on the merits.